

NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING

D.T.E. 03-30

Petition of New England Gas Company - Fall River Service Area for approval of a standard Interruptible Transportation Agreement, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94, and an updated marginal cost study.

The Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") has received the petition of New England Gas Company - Fall River Service Area ("Fall River" or "Company") for approval of a standard Interruptible Transportation Agreement, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94, and an updated marginal cost study. Specifically, the Company is presenting a standardized Interruptible Transportation ("IT") Agreement to replace the Company's approved standard form IT contract currently on file with the Department.

The Department will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the petition on Tuesday, April 22, 2003, at 10:00 a.m., at the Department's offices, One South Station, 2nd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110.

Any person wishing to submit comments in writing on the petition in this docket should file comments with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, 2nd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) Tuesday, April 15, 2003.

A copy of the Company's petition and filing is available for inspection at the Department's offices at One South Station, 2nd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts, and at the offices of the Company, 155 Main Street, Fall River, Massachusetts.

Any person who desires to participate in the evidentiary phase of the proceeding concerning the above petition must file an original and two copies of a written petition for leave to intervene or to participate in the proceeding not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Tuesday, April 15, 2003, with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, 2nd Floor, Boston, MA. 02110 and one copy with the Company's attorney:

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A petition to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.03, including a description of the manner in which the petitioner is substantially and specifically affected by this proceeding. Receipt by the Department -- not mailing -- constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. A late filed petition may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown under 220 C.M.R. § 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. § 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

Please submit all filings to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods:

(1) by e-mail attachment to dte.efiling@state.ma.us; or (2) on a 3.5" disk, IBM-compatible format. The text of the e-mail or the disk label must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding [D.T.E. 03-30], (2) name of the person or company submitting the filing, and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title and phone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be written in either Word Perfect (naming the document with a ".wpd" suffix), in Microsoft Word, (naming the document with a ".doc" suffix) or as an Adobe PDF file (naming the document with a ".pdf" suffix). Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. All comments submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's web site: <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>.

By Order of the Department,

MARY L. COTTRELL, SECRETARY